(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether such decision of the Telecom Commission has been approved by the Cabinet, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) While the Telecom Commission has recommended on the various parameters in this regard like entry fee, revenue sharing, area of operations, network roll-out obligations, in the light of the recommendations given by TRAI, the matter is being processed for obtaining appropriate approval of Government.

Investigation into cases against M/s. U.P. Airways

*235. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of investigations which are pending against M/s U.P. Airways and its Directors;

(b) the names of Directors against whom the case of financial irregularities and loan default from banks has been registered; and

(c) the action being taken against the Directors of U.P. Airways involved in above matters?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) A complaint had been received in this Ministry that Shri Subhas Gulati, M.D. of U.P. Airways had cheated M/s Canara Bank and was involved in many criminal cases. CBI has taken over all papers pertaining to this case for investigation.

Loan received by NHAI for road projects

*236 SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre has decided to take on the liability of servicing the debts from multilateral lending agencies for highways development;

(b) whether it is a fact that this will give the NHAI greater manoeuvrability

to take on more projects with the revenue earned; and

(c) if so, what is the progress on this scheme and the quantum of loan already received?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJNATH SINGH): (a) The Government has decided to take the debt servicing liability of a US $ 516 million loan approved recently by the World Bank for projects to be implemented by NHAI. In one case ADB has agreed to directly lend US $ 180 Million for which NHAI will have the debt servicing liability.

(b) If debt service burden is not on NHAI, more resources would be available to them to take up projects.

(c) Loan from World Bank for US $ 516 million has been negotiated, but not signed yet.

Complaints against private Airlines

*237. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of compliants received regarding the functioning of private airline companies, company- wise;

(b) details and the nature of complaints; and

(c) the steps taken to set them right?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Complaints are received from the passengers on various issues viz. denial of seats on confirmed ticket, ill-treatment to the passengers, refund of money on cancellation of tickets, loss of baggage, sudden cancellation of flights etc. While it would not possible to indicate the exact number of complaints details of 8 of the major complaints received from the travelling passengers against private airlines during the 1998-2000 are given in the Statement (*see* below). On receipt of such complaints, comments of the concerned private airlines/ GDCA are obtained to settle the grievances of the complainants wherever possible.